

The Origin of Sin Nature

We as humans have all done something in our lives that we are not proud of doing. The reason for this is because we all were born with a tendency, or nature called sin. The Hebrew word for sin is חטא-“chata,” meaning “to trespass.” In other words, sin is doing something against the will of God. Going to places where you are not supposed to go, doing things that you are not supposed to do, and being around people that you are not supposed to be around are sins, too.

Sin all began in the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 1:27, God created man and woman. The man’s name was Adam, and the woman’s name was Eve. God commanded them that they could eat of every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). However, in Genesis chapter 3, Satan appeared in the form of a serpent, or snake (Genesis 3:1) and convinced Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. After Eve ate from the tree, she gave Adam the fruit, and he ate also (Genesis 3:6). Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:24).

Since Adam and Eve sinned against God, there was a need for a Savior to redeem humanity. God wanted to bring people back to Him, but no one on Earth was qualified to save humanity because everyone had inherited the sin nature from Adam and Eve. In the book of Romans 3:23, it reads, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Because God loved the world, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, in this world to save us from our sins (John 3:16-17). Of course, we as Christians have to keep the Ten Commandments, but this was the law established under Moses (Romans 10:5). The law cannot save us because if the law was able to save us, then Jesus Christ’s dying on the cross would have been in vain (Galatians 3:21-22, 2:21).

Even when people do get saved, they are still going to sin. In the book of Ecclesiastes 7:20, it reads, “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.” The sin nature is a part of us that does things that we do not really want to do. In Colossians 3:9, the sin nature is called the “old man.” That is the way we thought, acted, and behaved before we got saved. However, we can ask God to forgive us of our sins even after we get saved. In 1 John 1:9, it reads, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” If you are not saved and are reading this letter, I pray that you ask God to forgive you of your sins and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray that you bless anyone who reads this letter and takes heed to what is written in this letter. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.